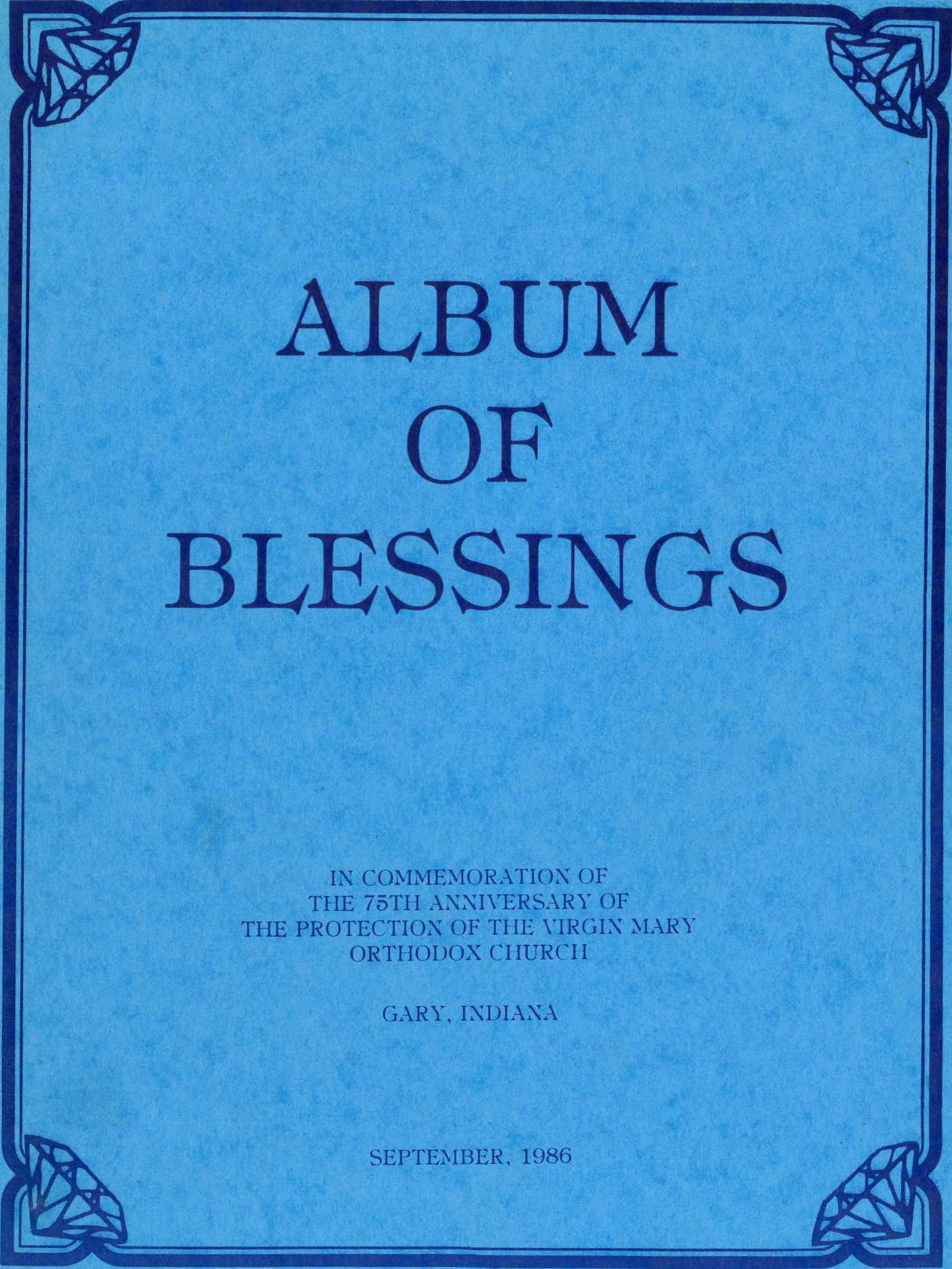




ALBUM OF BLESSINGS

IN COMMEMORATION OF
THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE PROTECTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY
ORTHODOX CHURCH

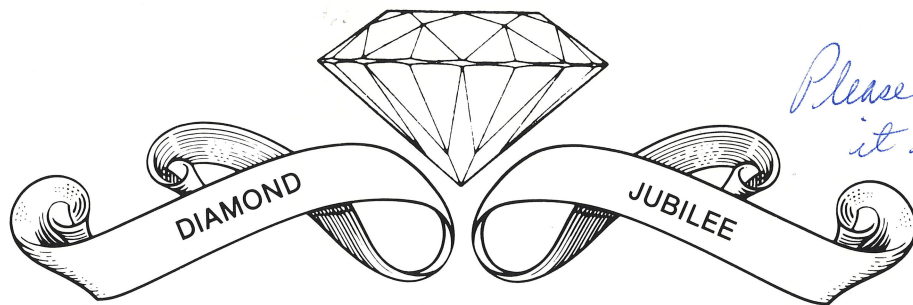
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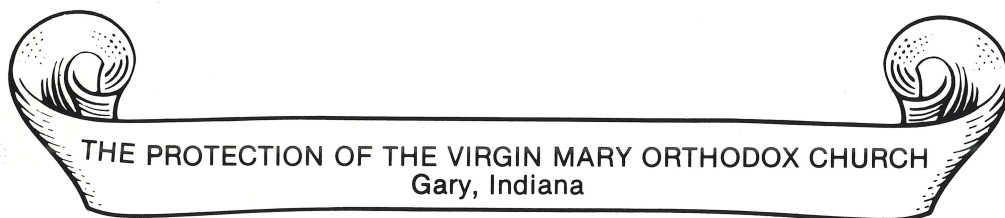
THE PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY

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*Please return
it to her.*

We Orthodox people celebrate today
thy festival with great rejoicing
O Mother of God, and beholding thy
Holy image we humbly appeal to thee:
Shelter and protect us under thy
sacred veil, deliver us from all
evil, and pray with thy Son
Christ our God, for the
salvation of our souls.



RT. REV. BENJAMIN KEDROVSKY
Pastor, 1911 - 1957
Pastor Emeritus, 1957 -1968



RT. REV. PETER ROZDELSKY
Pastor, 1961 -

VERY REV. SERGEI GARKLAVS
Assistant Pastor, 1957 - 1959
Pastor, 1959 - 1961





FATHER PETER



"Dad" and "Mom"



"Dido" and "Baba"



CHARTER MEMBERS, Photographed in 1931

CHOIR, 1915



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CHOIR, 1912



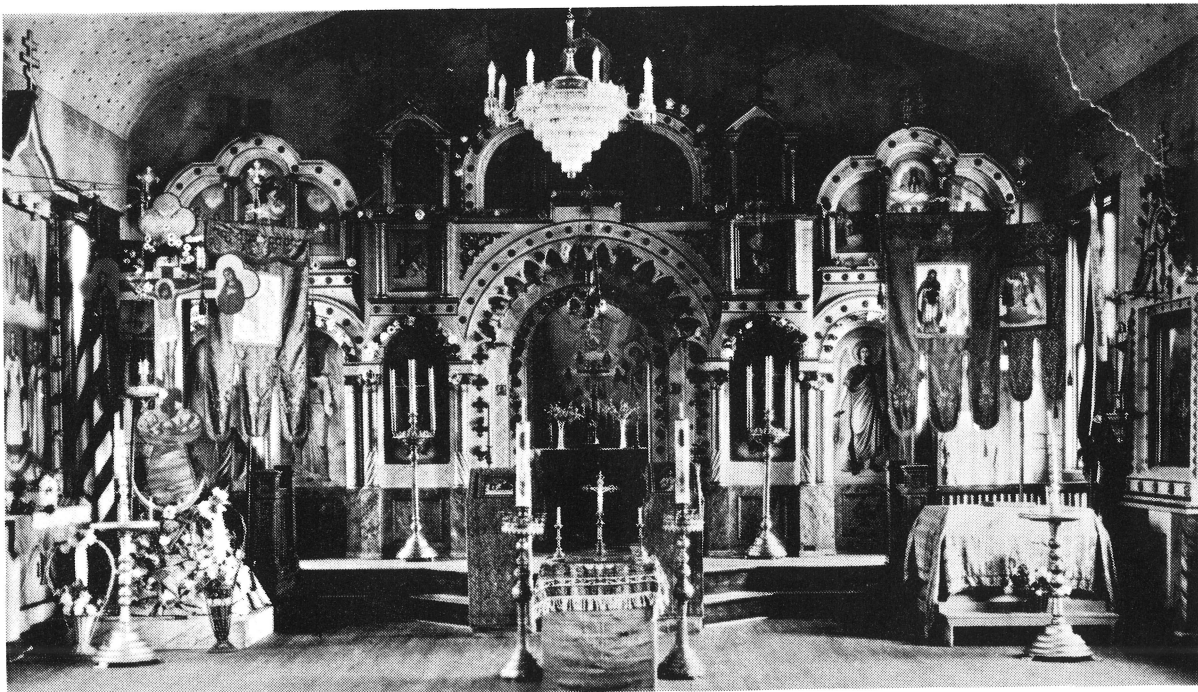
CHURCH BUILT IN 1912, 17TH & FILLMORE



TEMPORARY ICONOSTAS



BRICKED CHURCH



"NEW" ICONOSTAS



PRESENT CHURCH, 45TH & MARYLAND



NEW ICONOSTAS



CHOIR WITH DIRECTOR GLAGOLEV, 1928



"PRIZE-WINNING" CHOIR, 1930



FATHER BENJAMIN,
MATUSHKA JULIA AND
FAMILY, 1931



Choir Director Serge and Nancy Nestor



Choir Director Andrew Glagolev



CLASSES, 1918



GRADUATING CLASS, 1930



RUSSIAN CLASSES, 1931





CHURCH BAND, 1927



WORLD WAR I PARADE, 1914 - 1918

GARY CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY



OUR FLOAT, 1931



FOUNDING OF GARY CHURCH IS OBSERVED

Honor Rev. Kedrovsky
In Ceremony Headed
By Bishop Leonty

Festive Old World color and panoply that will live long in the memories of more than 1,000 participants and spectators marked the joint observance here yesterday of the 30th founding anniversary of St. Mary's Russian Orthodox church and "Russian Orthodox Day," dedicated to the memory of Archpriest John Naumovich, one-time apostolic pioneer of Galicia, who died 50 years ago.

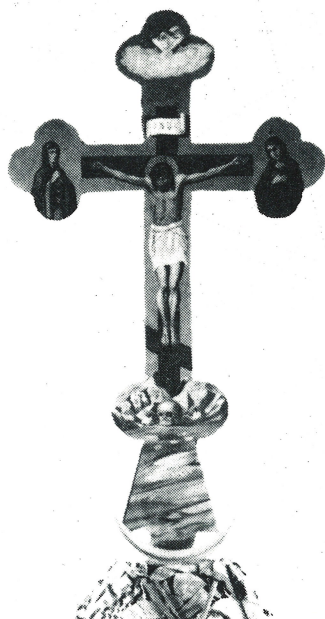
The day also was celebrated as the 30th anniversary of the parish school, the famous St. Mary's mixed choir, and virtually all the cultural, benevolent and fraternal organizations fostered by the church.

By a happy coincidence, the occasion marked the 30th wedding anniversary of the parish leader, Rev. Benjamin Kedrovsky, Chicago district dean of the Chicago-Minneapolis (midwest) diocese—only Russian orthodox cleric in America to have served three decades in the same post.

OBSERVE ST. MARY'S ANNIVERSARY



Gary's "man of the hour" yesterday was Rev. Benjamin Kedrovsky (left, standing), the 30th anniversary of whose pastorate of St. Mary's Russian Orthodox church, and of the congregation itself, was celebrated at festivities attracting more than 1,000, including clerics and lay leaders from 12 other orthodox parishes of the Chicago area. The Gary priest here shares reminiscences with the Right Rev. Bishop Leonty (seated) of Chicago and Minneapolis, ranking guest of honor, over Kedrovsky's book, "In God's Field," which he authored 10 years ago. The other clerics, left to right: Rev. Emelian Salonka, deacon of Holy Trinity cathedral, Chicago, and Rev. Constantine Popoff of St. Nicholas church, Joliet, veteran of 45 years' service with the Russian church in America.



ORIGINAL CROSS
(Now in Cemetery Chapel)



Painting Icons on the Ceiling



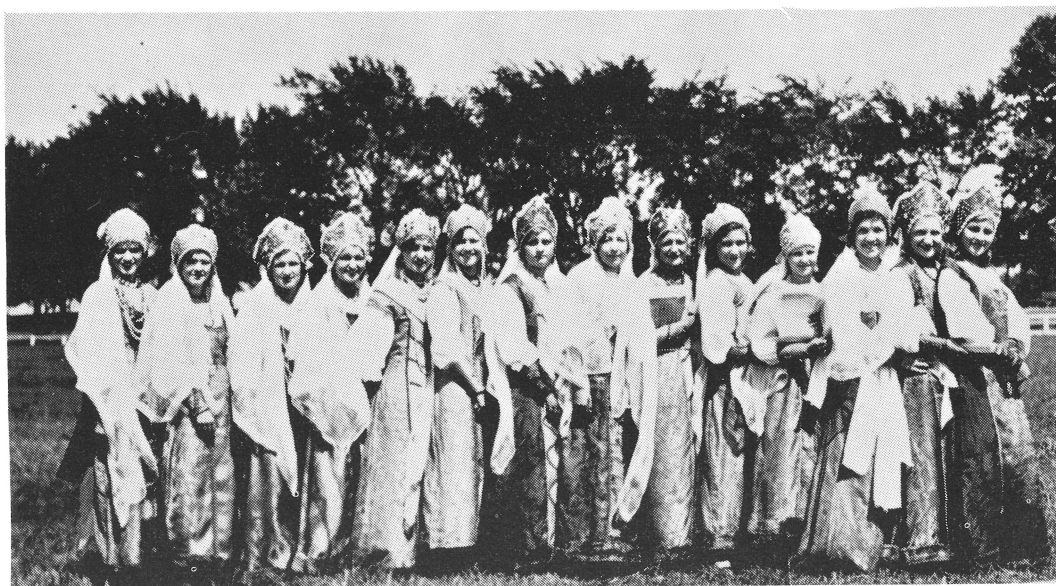
OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY, 1941



FATHER BENJAMIN



1932



1934





CHOIR, 1944



FR. BENJAMIN BAPTIZING



CHILDREN'S AUXILIARY, WITH FR. BENJAMIN AND BORIS HRISCHUK, 1929



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, 1955



HALLOWEEN, 1956

CLASSES, 1953





FR. GARKLAVS PRESENTS
SCOUT AWARDS TO:
Frank Panchak, Jr.
Fred Saporsky
Dick Howell looks on.



Staff Photo by Carl Lynn

Student ordained as deacon

Bishop Dmitri (left) of Dallas, head of the Diocese of the South, was on hand yesterday to ordain Frank Panchak, a second-year student at St. Vladimir's Seminary in Crestwood, N.Y., to the diaconate of the Orthodox Church

in America. Mr. Panchak of Norfolk was ordained at St. Cyprian of Carthage Orthodox Church in America at 3820 Chamberlayne Ave.

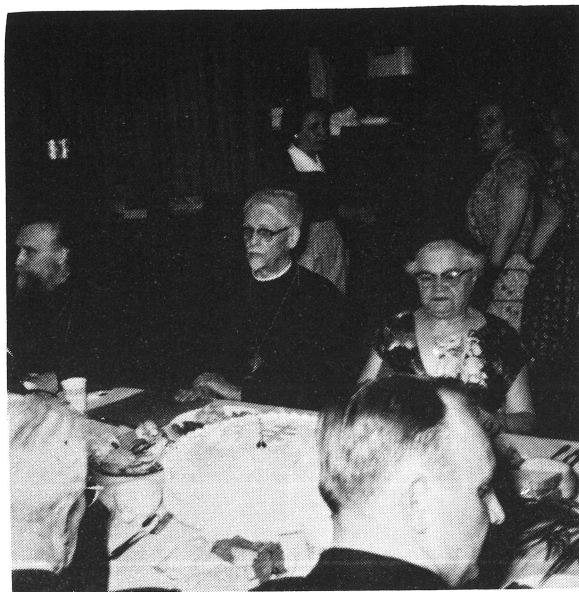
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GRADUATION AND ORDINATION OF
FRANK PANCHAK, 1984
NOW FR. THEODORE



GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW CHURCH, SPRING, 1959



Fr. Benjamin and Matushka

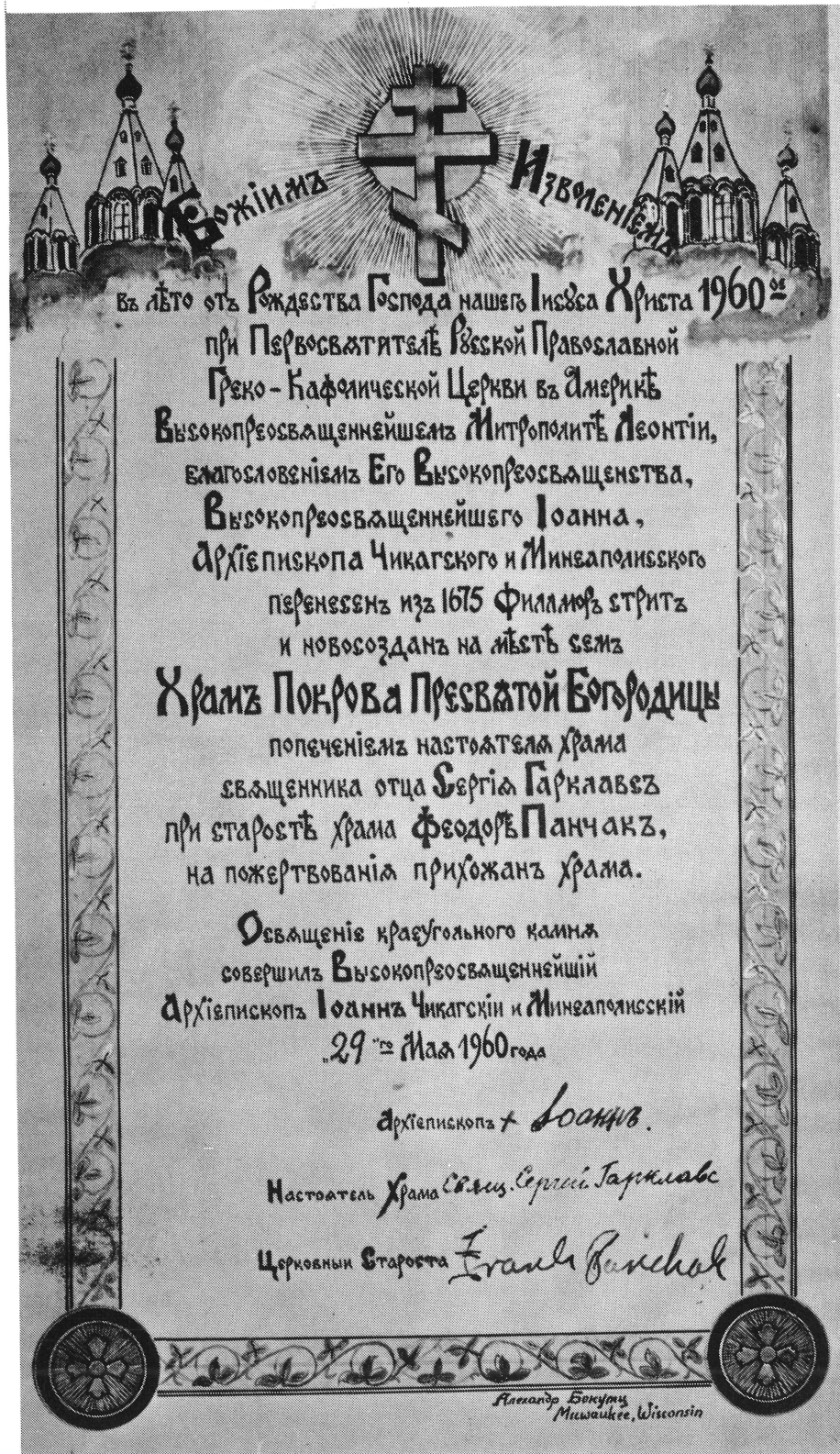


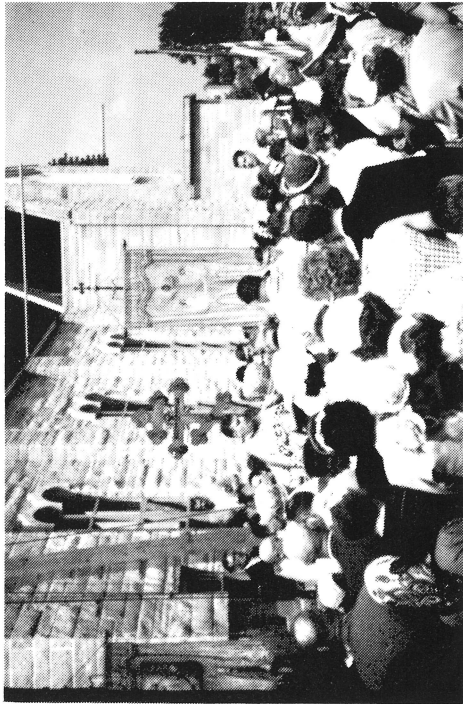


LAYING OF CORNERSTONE, SPRING, 1960

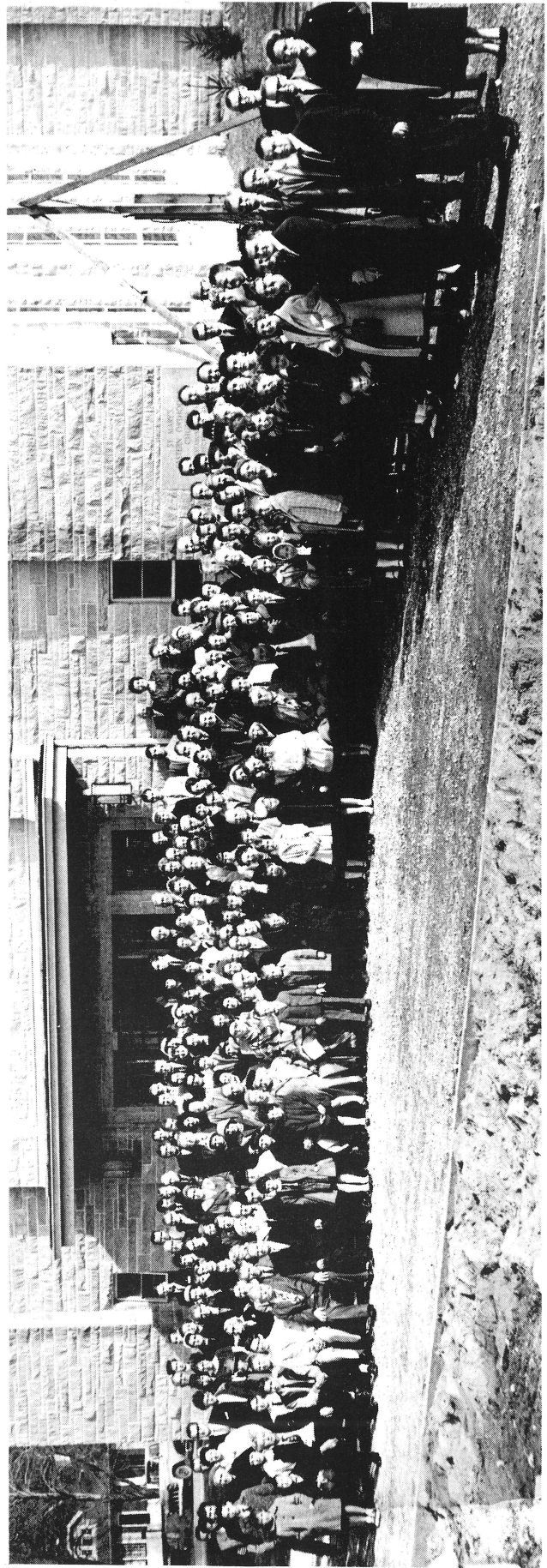


BLESSING FROM HIS EMINENCE, ARCHBISHOP JOHN





LAYING OF CORNERSTONE



PATRON SAINT DAY, 1960



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MORTGAGE

THE UNDERSIGNED, St. Mary's Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of Gary, Indiana,
by Frank Panchak, President and Nicholas Danko, Jr., Secretary

of the City of Gary County of Lake State of Indiana, hereinafter
referred to as the Mortgagor does hereby mortgage and warrant to FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN AS-
SOCIATION OF GARY, Gary, Indiana, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States
Lake

of America, hereinafter referred to as the Mortgagee, the following real estate in the County of _____
in the State of Indiana, to wit: The East $\frac{3}{4}$ of the North half of the West $\frac{4}{10}$ (except the West
70 feet of the North 125 feet thereof) of the following tract of land: Commencing at a point
on the South line of 45th Avenue and 30 feet East of the West line of the Northeast quarter,
of the Northwest quarter of Section 34, Township 36 North, Range 8 West of the 2nd P.M.,
thence South 601.76 feet, parallel to said West line; thence East 1266.4 feet to the West
line of Georgia Street, thence North along said West line of Georgia Street, 601.94 feet to
the South line of 45th Avenue, thence West 1266.3 feet along said South line to the place
of beginning, in the City of Gary, Lake County, Indiana,

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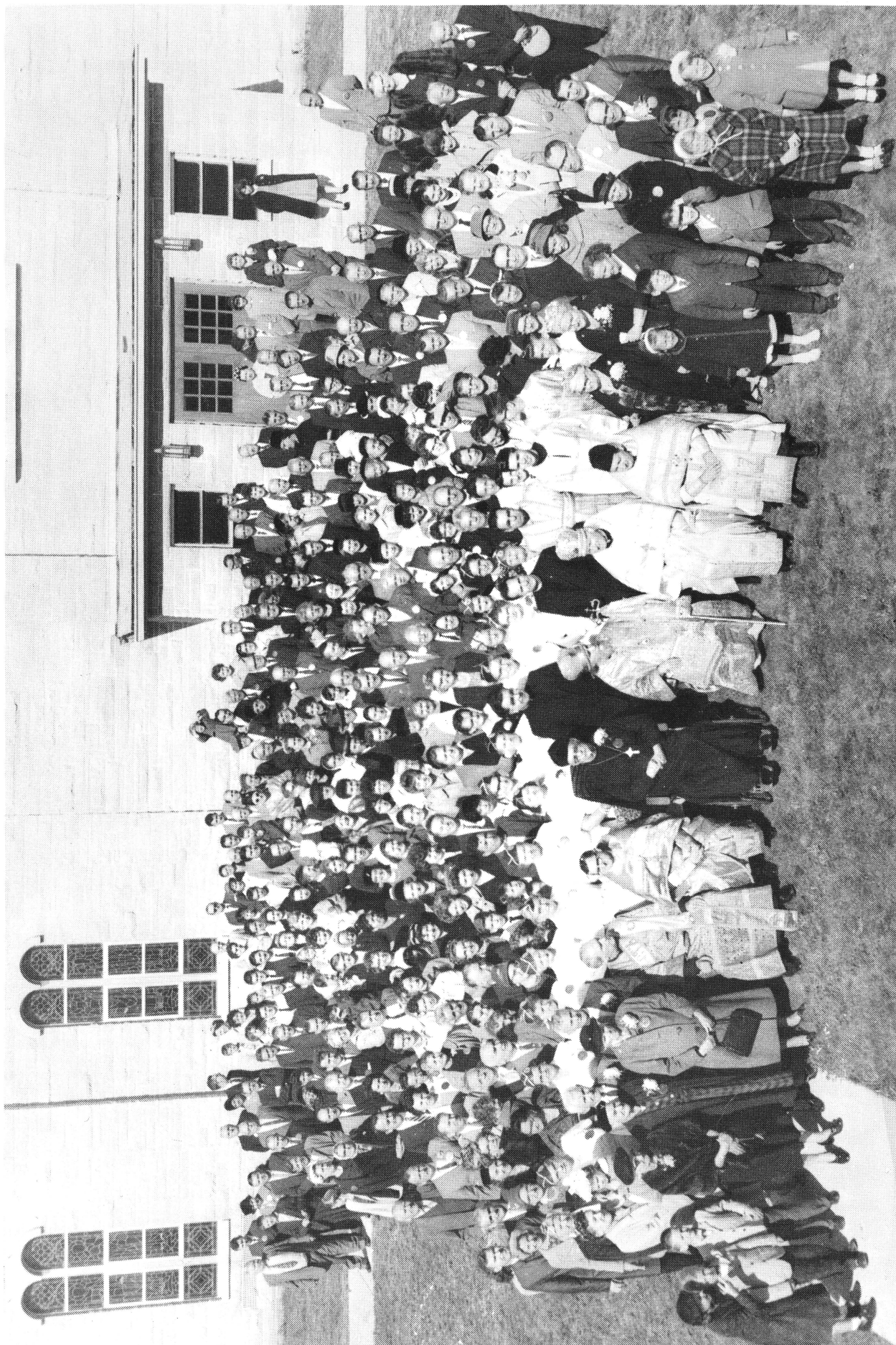
THE ABOVE REPRODUCTION IS A MEMENTO FROM SAINT MARY'S MORTGAGE BURNING CEREMONY HELD
IN THE ORTHODOX CENTER ON OCTOBER 17, 1965.

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MORTGAGE BURNING, OCTOBER, 1965





PATRON SAINT DAY, 1961

FR. PETER AND ALTAR BOYS, 1961



St. Helena religious award presented to Lori and Andrea Tokash



The Rt. Rev. Peter Rozdelsky of the St. Mary's Eastern Orthodox Church presented two East Gary sisters the St. Helena religious Orthodox Girl Scout Award on Sunday, December 7. The sisters, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tokash, are the first girls in the area to receive this outstanding award. Shown (l to r, front row) are Lori and Andrea Tokash, the Rt. Rev. Peter Rozdelsky as their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tokash of East Gary, look on.

Lori and Andrea Tokash, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tokash of East Gary were each presented the St. Helena religious Orthodox Girl Scout awards by the Rt. Rev. Peter Rozdelsky of the St. Mary's Eastern Orthodox Church, 505 East 45th Avenue, Gary, on Sunday, December 7.

They are the first Girl Scouts in the Lake-Porter area to be awarded this religious medal.

The girls worked for one year on the project. Besides attending church every Sunday, they were required to sing in the choir, and attend rehearsals, attend special services during the lenten period, help decorate the church during Christmas, do certain assignments given to them by the parish priest and they were also quizzed every three months by the church school teachers.

The St. Helena award was originated in the Cleveland, Ohio, area by the Esteem Orthodox Women's Guild and it was through them that the sisters were able to receive this special award.

Andrea is a member of Cadette Troop 290 and Lori belongs to Senior Troop 380. Andrea is a seventh grader at Edison Junior High School and Lori is a sophomore at the Senior high and president of her sophomore class.



BLESSING OF BREAD — The Rev. Peter Rozdelsky blesses the Christmas bread, wheat, wine and oil in anticipation of tonight's Christmas eve Grand Compline and Christmas Matins at St. Mary Russian Orthodox Church, 505 E. 45th Ave., Gary. The priest recites the "Litiya," or aug-

mented prayers, at tonight's service of the Grand Compline. From the left are Father Rozdelsky and altar boys Nicholas Rozdelsky and Michael Danko. Orthodox Christians who observe the Julian calendar will celebrate Christmas Sunday. (Post-Tribune photo by Dave Fryer)

NEWS AGAIN

Receives Religious Scouting Award



GARY, Ind.—His Eminence John, Archbishop of Chicago and Minneapolis, presented the Alpha-Omega Orthodox religious award to two souls at the hierarchal services celebrating the Patron Saint's Day, October 13, 1974. The two scouts were Michael Shendrick Jr. and John Czapko Jr. The Rt. Rev. Peter Rozdelsky, pastor of the parish, supervised the year-long religious study and service program.

Both youths serve as altar boys and readers and are members of the Gary Junior R Club, Chapter 161-J. Michael Shendrick is past president of the chapter and is presently the Midwest FROC Junior District treasurer. He is a First Class Scout in Gary Troop 102. John Czapko is a past treasurer of the chapter and is a Star Scout in Gary Troop 62.

Pictured above left to right are Robert E. Boyden, Scoutmaster of Troop 102; Michael Shendrick Jr.; His Eminence, Archbishop John; John Czapko Jr.; Rt. Rev. Peter Rozdelsky, and John Czapko Sr., Scoutmaster of Troop 62.



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Anniversary Mass

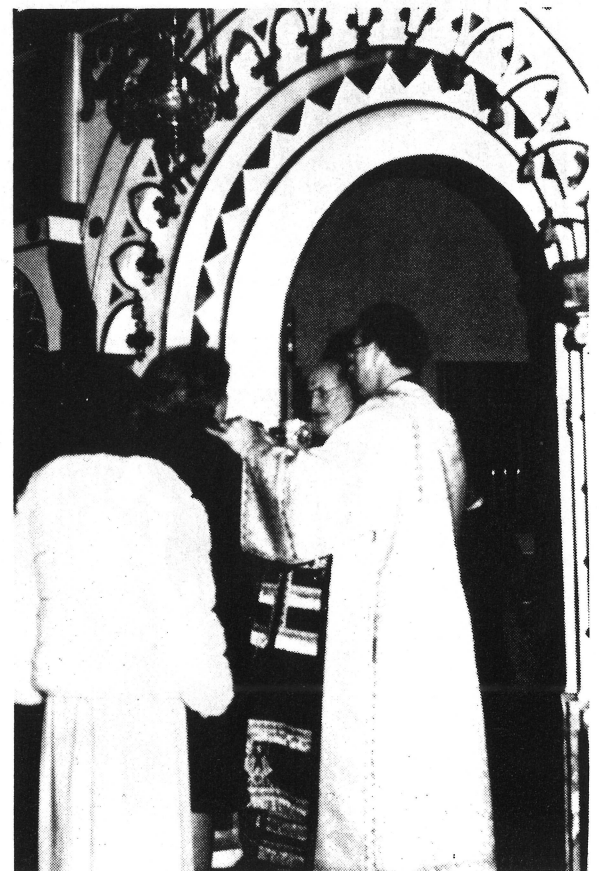
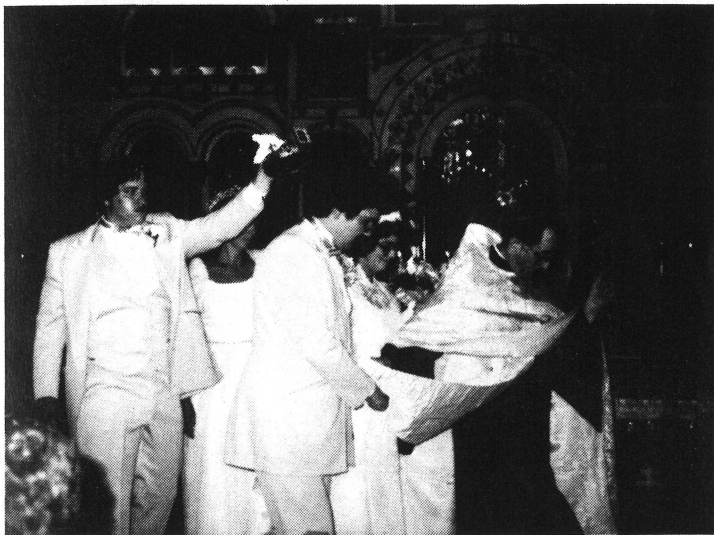
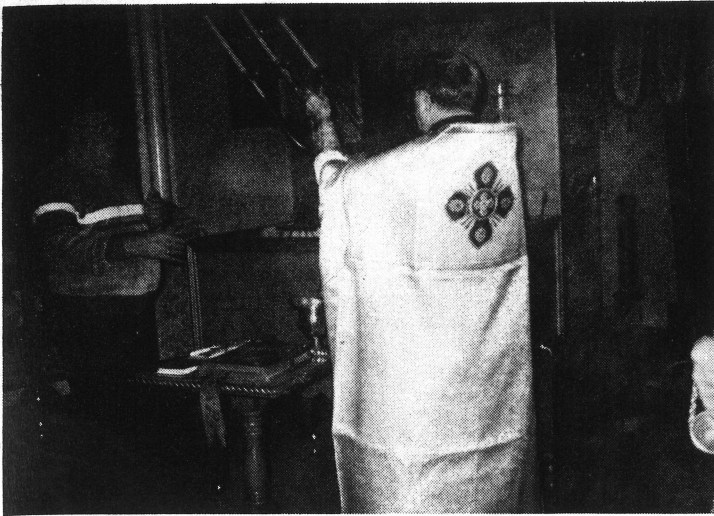
Principals involved in the 70th anniversary celebration of St. Mary's Eastern Orthodox Church, 505 E. 45th Ave., Gary, Saturday night included Katherine Cidylo, 81, left front, and Bertha Kowal, 85, right front, the only

surviving founding members of the church, and, back, from left: the Rev. Peter Rozdelsky, pastor; Metropolitan Theodosius, North American primate of the church, and Bishop Boris of Chicago.

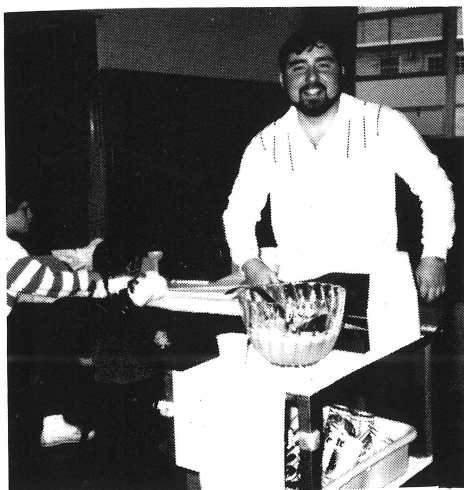


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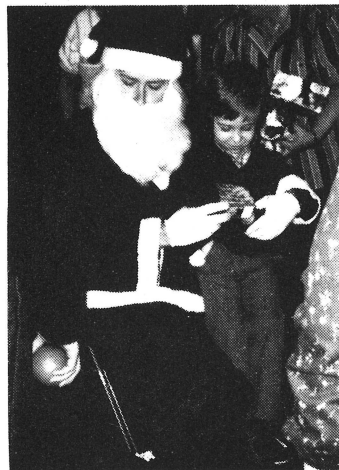
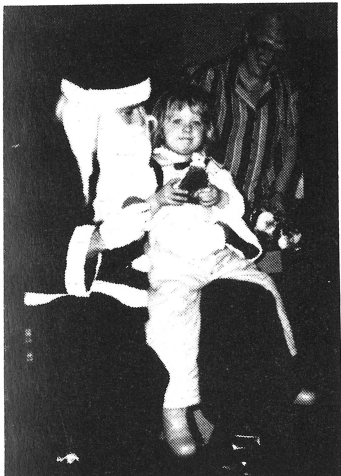
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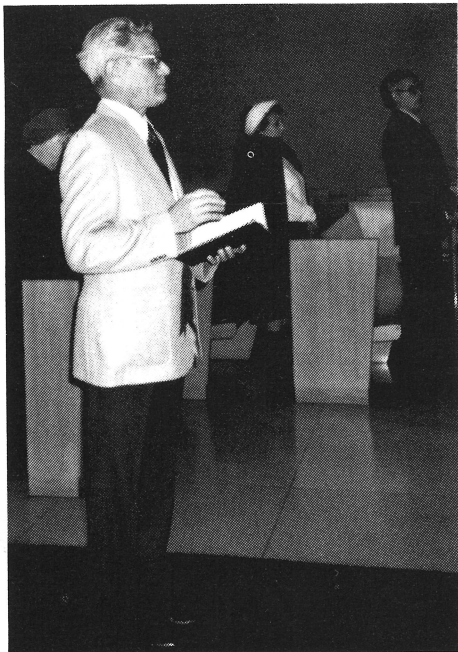
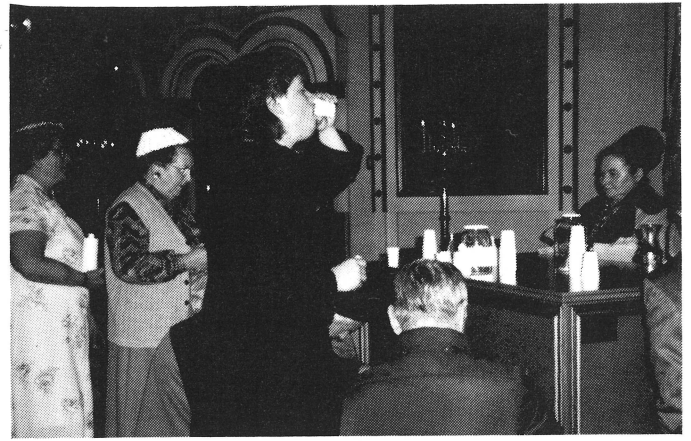
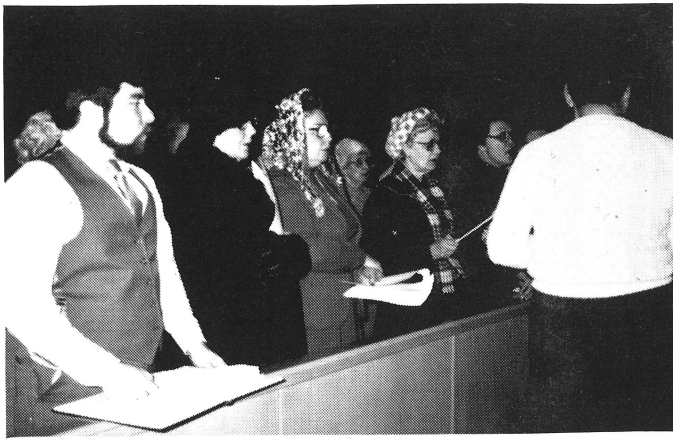


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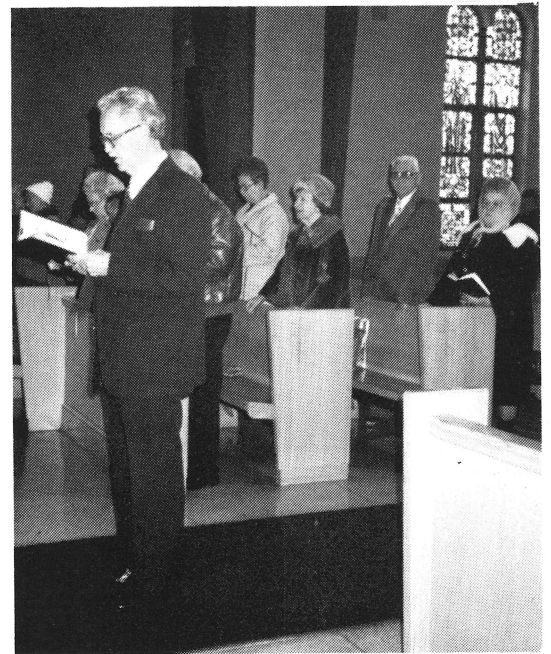


YOLKA, 1985

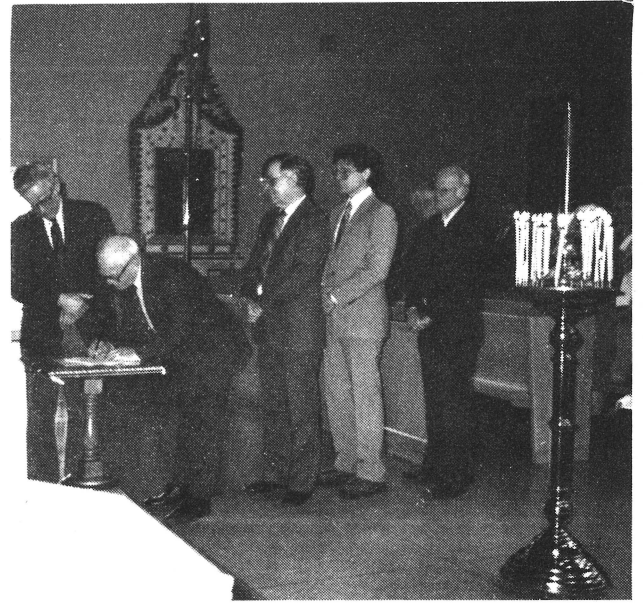
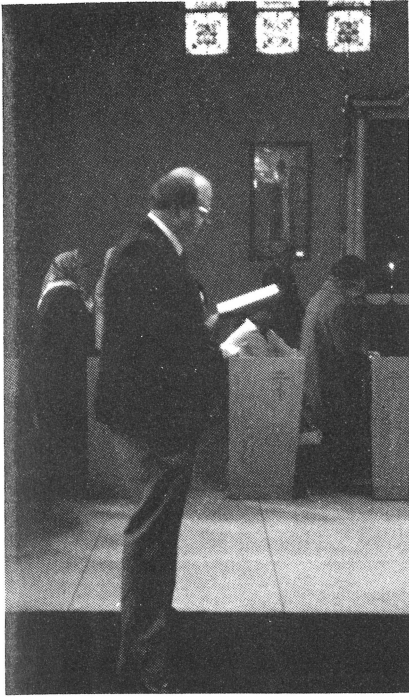


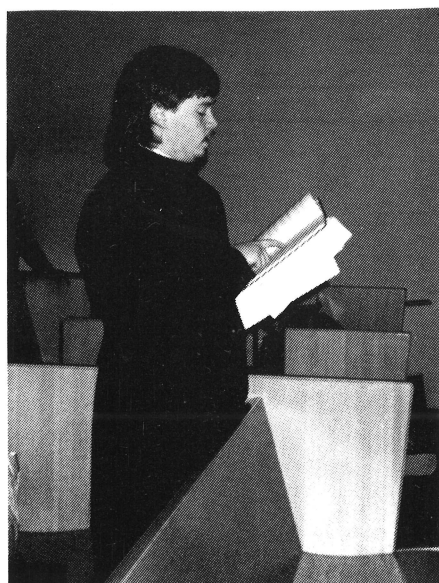
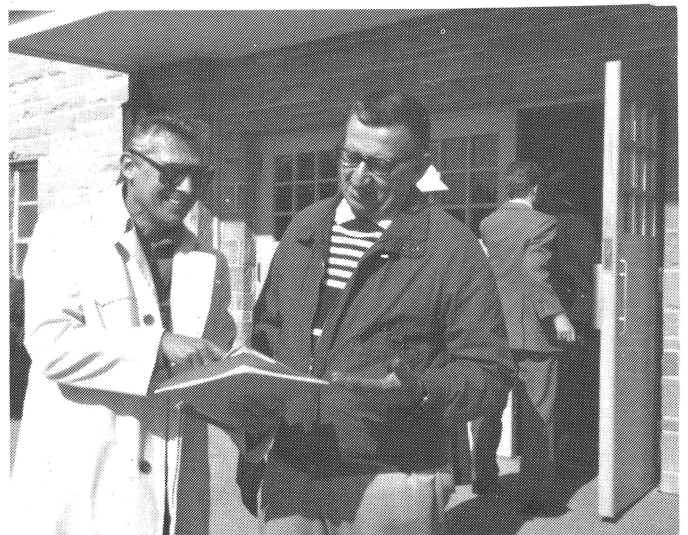
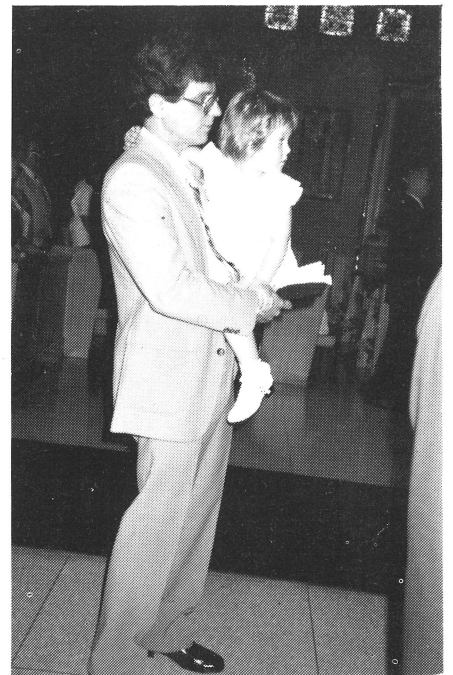


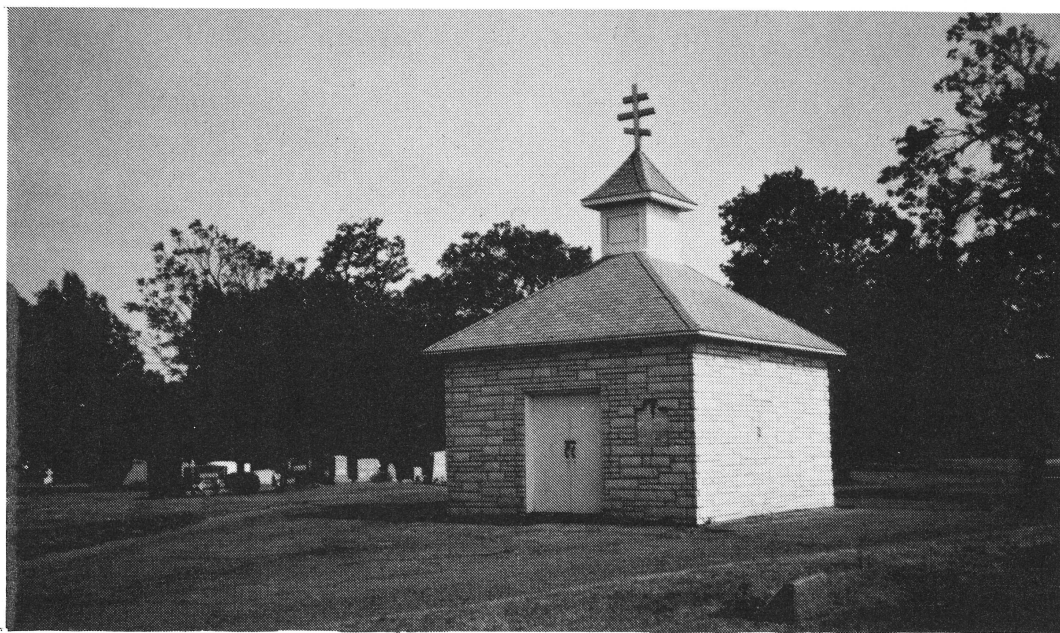
EUGENE ADAMCZYK
CHOIR DIRECTOR



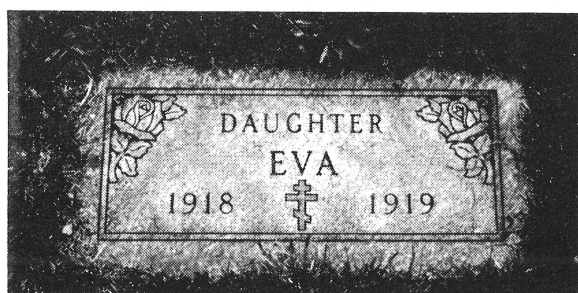
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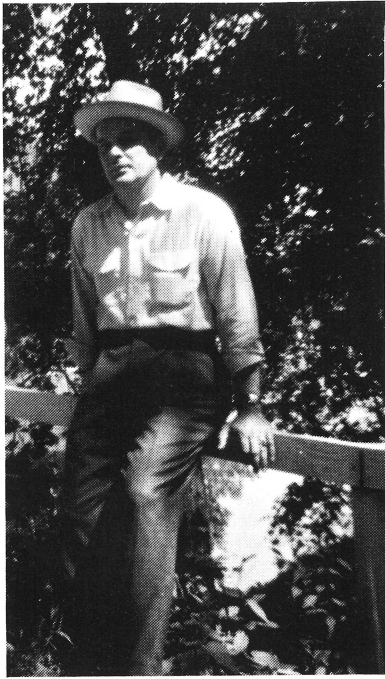


OUR CEMETERY



First buried, Eva Lescisin

BILL BAKER, CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT



FORMER CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENTS
Mike Guba Boris Hrischuk
Nicholas Lash





O LORD, SAVE THY PEOPLE AND BLESS THINE INHERITANCE.

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